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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6992

BILL NUMBER: HB 1415

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Department of Child Services Caseworkers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mays

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a Department of Child Services caseworker is permitted to carry a nonlethal device while working on a department investigation. The bill defines "nonlethal device". The bill allows the Department to adopt rules: (1) regarding training requirements and other requirements that a caseworker must meet to carry a nonlethal device; and (2) specifying additional nonlethal devices that a department caseworker may carry.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill allows a Department of Child Services (DCS) caseworker to carry a nonlethal device while working on a DCS investigation.

The bill allows the DCS to adopt rules regarding training requirements and other requirements that a DCS caseworker must meet to carry a nonlethal device, and specifying other nonlethal devices not listed under the bill that a DCS caseworker may carry. Adoption of rules should be able to be accomplished within the existing level of budget and resources for the DCS.

Background Information: The DCS reports that it currently has an informal policy which disallows caseworkers from carrying nonlethal devices while working on a department investigation. The DCS does have rules which restrict the carrying of lethal devices.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Child Services.

Local Agencies Affected:

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